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SUBJECT: MALI PRESIDENT COMMENTS ON CEAO MEETING

1. PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE RETURNED TO BAMAKO LATE IN THE AFTERNOON ON APRIL 9 AFTER ATTENDING A TWO DAY MEETING OF CHIEFS OF STATE OF THE COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST (CEAO) IN NIAMEY. IN A STATEMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER, L'ESSOR, AT THE AIRPORT, PRESIDENT TRAORE SAID THAT QUOTE "WHEN I ARRIVED IN NIAMEY, ON SUNDAY MORNING, I SAID THAT I EXPECTED A GREAT DEAL FROM THIS CONFERENCE AS FAR AS THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY PREVAILING ABOVE ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. AND THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF AFRICAIN SOLIDARITY AND FACED WITH GENERALIZED INFLATION AND THE ENERGY CRISIS, IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN OTHERWISE.

"THUS THE WORK OF THIS SUMMIT TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE. THE DEBATE CENTERED ON THE POLITICAL DETERMINATION OF THE CHIEFS OF STATE TO REACH CONCRETE RESULTS.

"IT WAS QUITE NORMAL THAT THE COMMUNIQUE MENTIONED THE  
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BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA, SINCE THIS

SPECIFIC ISSUE WAS RAISED BEFORE THE CEAO: CERTAIN MALIANS  
WORKING AT THE CEAO IN OUAGADOUGOU HAVE BEEN HARASSED BY  
UPPER VOLTAN AUTHORITIES.

"CONCERNING THIS MATTER, I STATED THE POSITION OF MY  
GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD NOT TOLERATE THIS, CONSIDERING THE  
PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND IN TERMS OF DIPLOMATIC  
IMMUNITY TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS.

"THIS PERMITTED, OF COURSE, THE AGREEMENT THAT WAS REACHED  
IN NIAMEY." UNQUOTE

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT TRAORE REFERRED TO THE ISSUE OF THE  
MALIAN NATIONALS WORKING AT CEAO HEADQUARTERS IN OUAGADOUGOU,  
IT APPEARS THAT MALI DOES NOT INTEND TO PERMIT ITS DISPUTE WITH  
UPPER VOLTA TO INTERFERE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CEAO  
ORGANIZATION.

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